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From: [Mary Ella Holtam](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 7: Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan
Date: Monday, September 20, 2021 1:51:24 PM

Hello,

My name is Mary Holtam. I am a 17-year-old high school student at La Costa Canyon High School and president of the Surfrider Foundation chapter at my school. I am writing to urge the Carlsbad City Council to take action to reduce plastic pollution in our community through a ban on polystyrene foam and a drafted "skip the stuff" ordinance. Through this, all plastic utensils, straws, condiment packets, and other plastic food ware will only be given upon request, reducing waste greatly.

Thank you so much for your consideration and for protecting our local environment for generations to come,

Mary

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Hello,

For years, I have actively been trying to get restaurants, customers, my family, friends and myself to reduce our dependence on disposable plastic and other unsustainable food containers, utensils and condiments. I would like to share with you these observations during my efforts and research.

1. Lasting change and commitment only happens when ordinances are in place. As much as I like to think that restaurants and customers are motivated by "Doing the right thing", it's not the reality.
2. For the past 20+ years, I have participated in beach cleanups, surfed and traveled around the world. The amount of disposable products that I'm seeing on beaches and in the water has dramatically increased. Beach cleanups are great for keeping the trash on our beaches out of the water, but the real solution is to reduce our use at the source. If you look in trash receptacles at every beach and downtown in San Diego County, you will see that a majority of it comes from the restaurant industry.
3. We need to also consider the negative impacts that these disposable plastics and other materials are having on communities around the world in regards to their extraction and production.
4. Customers should be charged for take-out containers, so that they share in the costs incurred by restaurants when switching to more sustainable products and practices.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the Sustainable Materials Management Implementation Plan.

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I urge the city council to take immediate action to reduce plastic pollution while their staff drafts the city's long-term waste reduction plan. Specifically, we are asking the Carlsbad City Council to implement a less comprehensive, tried and tested single-use plastic ordinance that bans EPS foam (styrofoam) and requires all plastic utensils, straws, condiment packets and other food ware accessories to be given only upon request only (#SkipTheStuff).

Ila Summitt

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